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<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 35-46 and 53 are pending, with withdrawn claims 47-52 being cancelled.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Rimell for the courtesies extended to

Applicant's representative, Mr. Jason Vick, during the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Personal Interview. During

the interview, claim 35 was discussed and contrasted with the Depledge reference. At the

Examiners request, and without conceding to the propriety of any outstanding rejections,

Applicant has amended the independent claims to clarify that the encoding maintains the

ordinal relationship among the words (as recited in claims 35 and 41), and encoding actual

text in accordance with the created nomenclature, the encoding maintaining the collating

sequence as recited in claim 53.

Since it was agreed during the Personal Interview that the Depledge reference did not

teach or suggest these features, Applicant submits all outstanding rejections have been

overcome.

A favorable and early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this

application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants'

representative at the telephone number listed below.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 any fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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